

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL *for the Eighth Circuit*

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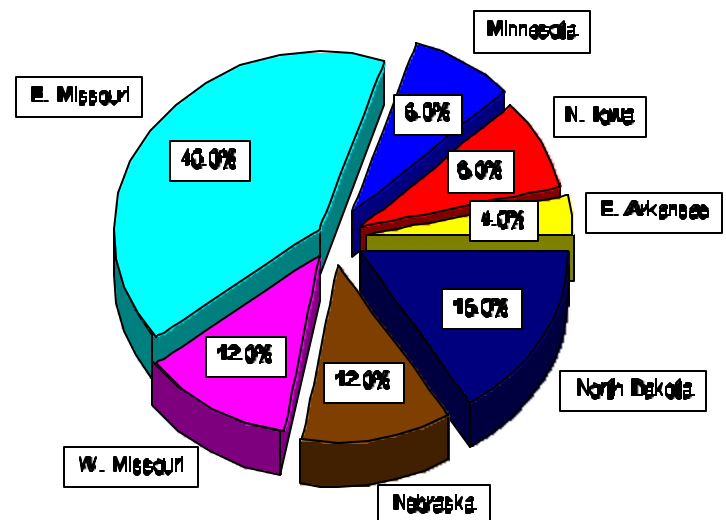
## STATISTICAL REPORT -- FIRST QUARTER 2000

### New Case Filings

Twenty-five cases were docketed in the first quarter of 2000. Three of these cases (12%) were filed by pro se litigants. Of the cases filed, thirteen were appeals from contested matters and twelve were appeals from adversary proceedings; four applications to take an interlocutory appeal were filed. The graphics below illustrate the breakdown of case origin by district.

**New Cases**

Eastern Arkansas	1
Western Arkansas	0
Northern Iowa	2
Southern Iowa	0
Minnesota	2
Eastern Missouri	10
Western Missouri	3
Nebraska	3
North Dakota	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>



## Panel Referrals

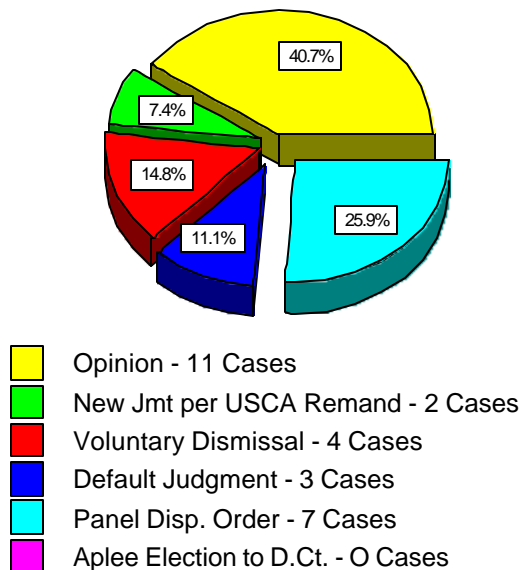
In the first quarter of 2000, seven cases were referred to Administrative Panels. In addition, six matters were referred back to previous panels, resulting in a total of thirteen Administrative Panel referrals. One case was submitted to a Screening Panel and fourteen cases were submitted to Hearing Panels. Hearings were held in St. Paul, Omaha, Des Moines and Kansas City.

## Case Processing Time

Listed in the table below are average processing times calculated for cases submitted on the merits which were subsequently closed between January 1, 2000 and March 31, 2000.

Interval:	1	2	3	Total
From:	Docketing	Aplee's Brief	Submission	Processing
To:	Aplee's Brief	Submission	Disposition	Time
Hearing Panel Matters	75 days 2.5 months	60 days 2 months	45 days 1.5 months	180 days 6 months
Screening Panel Matters	98 days 3.2 months	7 days .2 months	15 days .5 month	120 days 3.9 months
All Cases	78 days 2.6 months	54 days 1.7 months	42 days 1.4 months	174 days 5.7 months

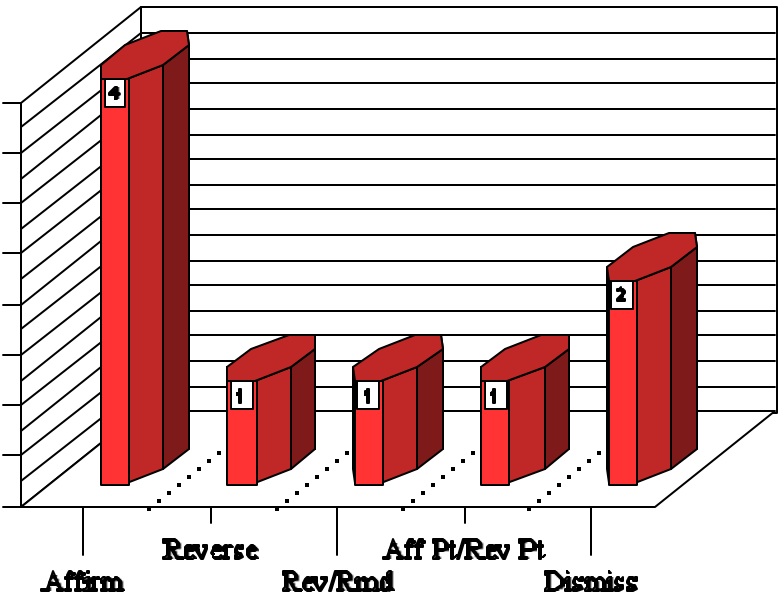
## Case Dispositions



Twenty-five cases were closed in the first quarter of 2000. The Panel wrote a total of nine opinions which disposed of eleven cases. In addition, two previously-closed cases were re-opened and dispositive orders were entered pursuant to remand orders from the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court. To the left is a breakdown of the method by which each case was closed.

# Opinion Breakdown

The chart to the right breaks down each opinion by its outcome. As shown in the chart, 66.7% of the opinions either affirmed the Bankruptcy Court decision or dismissed the appeal.



## Appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals

Two notices of appeal were taken to the Court of Appeals from the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel in the first quarter of 2000. Three cases were closed by the Court of Appeals during that time, leaving a total of thirteen pending cases. Following is a breakdown of the method by which BAP cases pending before the Court of Appeals were closed:

Affirmed .....	2
Voluntarily Dismissed .....	1